

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for generating and maintaining a data resource, ~~comprising:~~ comprising
a repository for the data resource; ~~resource;~~
access means for allowing a plurality of users to make amendments to the data resource; ~~resource;~~
moderation means for recording said amendments, and for recording moderation inputs made by the users relating to such amendments; ~~amendments;~~ and
rating means for generating ~~and storing~~ a moderation value for each amendment derived from the amendment, ~~the moderation value being determined by such~~ moderation inputs received from the moderation means and for storing the moderation values so generated in the repository;
means for generating a user moderation value in respect of each user, from moderation inputs of other users made in respect of amendments made by the user;
and
means for applying their respective moderation values to inputs made by each user.

2. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 1 comprising means for input of user-generated data, the data relating to the users' assessments of the quality of amendments made by other users.

3. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 1, comprising an amendment moderation value generation means, comprising means for determining the validity and consistency of amendments, and means for generating a moderation input from the results of such determination.

4. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising ~~means for generating a user moderation value for each user of the system in respect of inputs made by that user;~~ a user moderation value store arranged to store the user moderation values, and means for retrieval of user moderation values from the user moderation value store.

5. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 1, comprising means for storing a quality rating for each resource, and wherein the rating means retrieves the quality rating for a modified resource and generates moderation values in accordance with the retrieved quality rating.

6. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 5, comprising analysis means for identifying reference links between resources, and means for generating, for each resource, said quality rating in accordance with the number of the links referring to the resource.

7. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising amendment storage means for storing amendment proposals prior to implementation, means for receiving quality values relating to the amendment proposals, and means for amending the data resource in accordance with the amendment proposal when the quality values pass a predetermined upper threshold.

8. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising means for deleting amendment proposals for which the quality values pass below a lower threshold, or which have failed to pass the upper threshold within a predetermined period.

9. (Currently Amended) A method of generating and maintaining a data resource, said method comprising:

by recording amendments made to the resource by a user, and retrieving said amendments for retrieval by users by use of a data access means;

receiving moderation inputs generated by one or more users relating to such amendments; amendments, and

generating a moderation value for each amendment, the moderation value being determined by said moderation inputs; and

generating a user moderation value from moderation inputs of other users made in respect of amendments made by the user, and applied to inputs made by the user.

10. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 9 wherein user-generated data is recorded, assessing qualities of amendments made by other users.

11. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 9, wherein the validity and consistency of amendments are determined, and a moderation value is generated from the results of such determination.

12. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 9, wherein ~~a user-specific moderation value is generated in respect of each user and applied to inputs made by that user; and~~ the user moderation value is stored for subsequent retrieval.

13. (Original) A method according to claim 9, wherein a quality rating is stored for each resource, and wherein moderation values are generated in accordance with the retrieved quality rating.

14. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 13, wherein reference links between resources are identified, and said quality rating for each resource is generated in accordance with the number of such links referring to the resource.

15. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 9, wherein a quality value is generated relating to an amendment proposal, and the data resource is amended in accordance with the amendment proposal when the quality value passes a predetermined upper threshold.

16. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein the predetermined threshold is set at different values for additions to, and deletions from, the data resource.

17. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein amendment proposals for which the quality values pass below a lower threshold, or which have failed to pass the upper threshold within a predetermined period are deleted.

18. (Currently Amended) At least one A-computer program product ~~or suite of such products for execution by use with~~ at least one computer to carry out the method of claim 9.

19. (Currently Amended) At least one A-computer program product ~~or suite of~~
~~such products for execution by use with~~ at least one computer to provide the apparatus
of claim 1.